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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING FIREARMS EXPORTS

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1. ETHIOPIA HAS NO LAWS RELATING TO COMMERCIAL ARMS EXPORTS WHICH EMBASSY INTERPRETS AS FOCUS OF REF B SURVEY. ONLY ARMS MATERIAL MANUFACTURED IN ETHIOPIA IS SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION. ALL OTHER ARMS MATERIAL IS IMPORTED AND LE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY COMMERCIAL QUANTITY EXPORTS OF AMMUNITION OR REEXPORT OF IMPORTED MATERIAL. IN UNLIKELY EVENT THAT EXPORTS OF SUCH MATERIALS WERE PLANNED, THE ONLY POSSIBLE EXPORTER WOULD BE THE ETHIOPIAN MILITARY. SUCH A CASE WOULD BE DECIDED BY MILITARY GOVERNMENT ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS AND AS SUCH WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY LEGAL RESTRICTIONS IF EPMG DECIDED IT WAS DESIRABLE FROM POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STANDPOINT.

2. LAWS REGULATING EXPORT OF PERSONAL WEAPONS BY INDIVIDUALS ARE RELATED TCSLEGISLATION ON IMPORTS REPORTED REF A. LICENSES FOR EXPORT OR IMPORT MUST BE OBTAINED FRP, FIREARMS

SECTION OF SECURITY DIVISION IN MINISTRY OF THE INTERIRO. DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PERSONNEL MUST FORWARD REQUEST THROUGH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SUCH OFFICIAL PERSONNEL MUST REEXPORT WEAPONS IMPORTED UNDER THIS PROCEDURE EXPLAINED REF A.
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PRIVATE ETHIOPIAN CITIZENS AND EXPATRIATES ARE ALLOWED TO EXPORT

THEIR PERSONAL WEAPONS BUT MUST OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FROM MINISTRY
OF THE INTERIOR. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT MORE THAN A HANDFUL OF
SUCH EXPORTS ARE AUTHORIZED ANNUALLH, MOSTLY WHEN PERSONS ARE
EMIGRATING FROM ETHIOPIA.
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